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The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are provided in prior application Serial No. 09/628,281, filed July 28, 2000, now allowed, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.

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